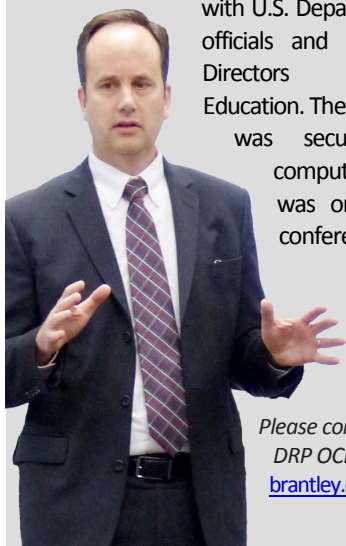




OFFICE OF CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION:

CDCR Education in the National Arena

In March, Office of Correctional Education (OCE) Superintendent Dr. Brant Choate met in Baltimore with U.S. Department of Education officials and the Council of Directors of Correctional Education. The forum's major focus was secure internet and computer technology. This was one of the largest conferences in federal history devoted to technology in correctional education.



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IN-PRISON PROGRAMS:

New Recidivism Reduction Effort

Male Community Reentry Program



The [Division of Rehabilitative Programs](#) is supporting the Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP), a new CDCR program to reduce recidivism.

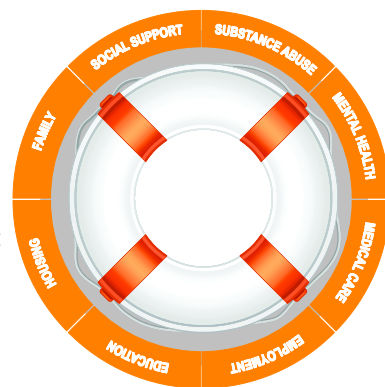
The MCRP's goal is to assist participants in successfully reentering their communities from prison. The MCRP provides, or arranges connection to, various community-based, rehabilitative services. These services are designed to assist participants with substance use disorders, mental health care, medical care, employment, education, housing, family reunification, and social support. Inmates with co-occurring disorders will be the primary focus for program participation.

The MCRP, which is a joint effort between DRP, the Division of Adult Institutions and the Division of Adult Parole Operations, is a voluntary program for male offenders who have approximately 120 days left to serve in prison. The MCRP allows eligible offenders committed to state prison to serve the end of their sentences in the community in lieu of confinement in state prison; this rehabilitative strategy will help these offenders successfully reenter into society.

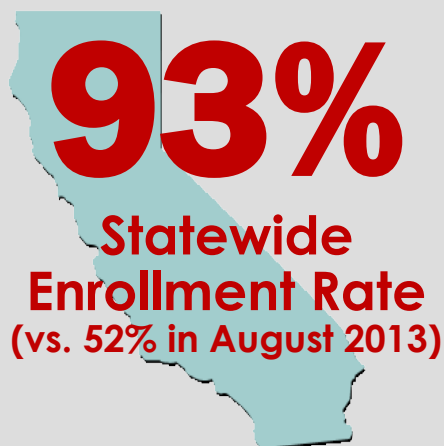
MCRP participants are monitored by on-site program managers under the supervision of a Correctional Counselor III working in liaison with correctional officers. An assigned Parole Agent II at the MCRP will assist participants in transitions to parole, including enrollment in community-based programs, or discharge. MCRP contracted staff will provide on-site substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitative programming at the MCRP in addition to making outside referrals to community services as needed.

The program is launching in two California locations. [HealthRIGHT 360](#) will operate 150 beds in Los Angeles, and [Turning Point of Central California](#) will operate 50 beds in Bakersfield. It is anticipated that the program will be expanded to additional counties throughout the state.

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Update: DRP's Parolee Programs Achieve



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"Today's inmate is tomorrow's neighbor."
Ralph Diaz, Deputy Director (A),
Division of Adult Institutions

Academic Education

Increases inmate reading levels to minimum 9th grade level and achieve a GED or high school diploma. Access to college courses also available.

Arts in Corrections

Programs in theater, dance, music and art instill pro-social behavior, self-esteem and problem solving skills.

CAL-ID Card Program

Assists in obtaining state-issued California identification cards used to secure employment, housing, bank accounts, travel, and more.

Career Technical Education

Prepares inmates for viable vocational career paths upon release by training to industry certification levels.

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment

Provides evidence-based treatment for Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Family Relationships and Criminal Thinking.

Long Term Offender Program

Provides evidenced-based treatment programming in criminogenic behavior to inmates serving long-term sentences.

Offender Mentor Certification

Trains and certifies long-term inmates as interns to assist as mentors in various substance abuse treatment programs.

Pre-Employment Transition

Provides job readiness skills, including job search, resume, interviewing, financial skills and access to career centers.

Reentry Hubs

Provides relevant training and services to eligible and interested inmates within four years of release.

Step-Down Program

Provides alternatives to criminal gang lifestyle to reduce confinement in Security Housing Units (SHU).

Single Level and Multi-Level Substance Abuse Treatment

Promotes positive social behavior and helps inmates develop knowledge and skills necessary to avoid substance use relapse and successfully reintegrate back into the community, through **single** and **multi-level** substance abuse treatment programs.

IN-PRISON PROGRAMS:

OMCP Video

The **Offender Mentor Certification Program** provides eligible inmates with skills to assist other inmates participating in a substance abuse treatment program. The program supports the **Division of Rehabilitative Programs' (DRP)** expanding number of substance abuse treatment programs throughout adult institutions.

DRP's **Offender Services In-Prison Programs** and Outreach units collaborated with the **Division of Adult Institutions** and **Division of Adult Parole Operations** to produce a new recruitment video for adult institution inmates. The **16 minute Offender Mentor Certification Program Inmate Video** features inmates from **Avenal State Prison** and **Folsom Women's Facility**, many of whom are currently working as mentors in prison substance abuse treatment programs.

The film also features current and former parolees who are successfully reintegrating into their communities. Parolees and several of their

OFFENDER MENTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



employers were filmed at headquarters with the assistance of the **Office of Correctional Safety**, and also at In-Prison Programs contracted provider **Options Recovery Services's** facilities in Berkeley, CA.

Participants stress the chance to make a difference and develop self-worth both in-prison and post release. Program eligibility and components are described, and program participants and graduates share highlights of the program and how it positively impacted their lives. Many OMCP program graduates have built successful careers in the outside community.

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"Mentors have proven enormously influential in other inmates' successful programming, and our need for participants in this program is growing as we increase our number of substance abuse treatment programs to meet CDCR's inmate population needs. This is one of the few programs that gives inmates viable employment inside and out of prison; I encourage all staff as well as inmates to watch this video."

Rodger Meier, Deputy Director, DRP

MEET DRP'S 4TH QUARTER 2014 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Please congratulate these staffers for their extraordinary support of DRP initiatives!



Above, L to R: DRP Offender Services In-Prison Programs Chief (A) Kelly Medina, award recipient Tanisha Bynum, Parole Services Associate, Folsom Women's Facility (FWF), FWF Associate Warden Steve Cox, and Correctional Counselor III Eric Grout



L to R: Richelle Garcia, Office of Program Accountability and Support, Director Millicent Tidwell; and Gerald Dionisio, Office of Correctional Education

Not Pictured: Evie Smith, Community and Reentry Services

"DRP's continuum of care provides offenders critical support to successfully transition back into the community."

Dan Stone, Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations

Computer Literacy Learning Centers (CLLC):

Offers computer-based courses provided by certified instructors for basic reading, writing and math.

Day Reporting Centers (DRC) and Community-Based Coalition (CBC):

Addresses parolees' needs through assessment and placement in classes and support services. One stop shop for education, life skills, financial and employment training, substance abuse and counseling. Some transitional housing available.

Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program (FOTEP):

Provides gender-responsive residential treatment services for women and their children.

Parolee Service Centers (PSC):

Provides group and family reunification, life skills and employment skills in a residential program.

Residential Multi-Service Centers (RMSC):

Helps at-risk parolees transition back into the community with housing, substance abuse treatment and independent living skills.

Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP):

Provides comprehensive residential and outpatient programs and services supporting parolees needs for housing, substance abuse treatment, cognitive behavioral intervention, employment, education, family relations and community referrals.

Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR):

Provides substance abuse treatment education by certified instructors in select parole offices.

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OFFICE OR PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPPORT:

CDCR Plays 'Fore' the Community: 2015 Wasco State Prison Warden's Charity Golf Tournament



California Inspector General Bob Barton (center) with (L to R): **DRP In-Prison Programs Raymond Rodriguez**, **DRP Associate Director Robert Downs**, **DRP Community and Reentry Services' Marty Ellis**, and **DRP Fiscal Services' Scott Jacobs**,

The Wasco State Prison- Reception Center's (WSP) 2015 Warden's Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield, California, on April 13, 2015. Since 1992, WSP has provided financial support to the less fortunate in WSP's surrounding community through an annual golf tournament, as well as food drives, gift donations, and other events.

More than 148 golfers, including Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) Associate Director, Robert Downs, DRP Fiscal Services Staff Services Manager I Scott Jacobs, DRP In-Prison Programs Analyst Raymond Rodriguez, and DRP Community and Reentry Services Analyst Marty Ellis, participated in this year's tournament, which raised over \$14,000. Half of this was donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Bakersfield, and the remainder will be utilized to assist various charities in and around the Wasco/Bakersfield area.

WSP provides rehabilitative programming in education, substance use disorder treatment, and Prison Industry Authority. Due to the

temporary residency of Reception Center inmates, general education is provided through Voluntary Education Program; inmates may take Electric Work and Office Technologies in Career Technical Education. WSP offers a single-level substance abuse treatment program for eligible inmates, and will soon offer the California Identification Card program to inmates within 120 days of release.

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"In addition to many participants from the greater Bakersfield community, we had a number of players from the CDCR community, including retired CDCR Associate Director Joe Sullivan, retired Warden Gary Sandor, Kern Valley State Prison Warden Martin Biter, California Institution for Men Warden Tim Perez, our DRP partners, and California Inspector General Robert Barton. All of us share in the commitment to make California not only safe, but supportive, for our citizens."
WSP Warden John Katavich